

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1560 - HB 862

April 5, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires public notice of any blasting activity to be given at least 72 hours in advance.
- Provides that the Department of Commerce and Insurance shall develop uniform guidelines to document damage resulting from blasting.
- Provides that the Department of Commerce and Insurance shall develop a program in which blasters can enter into prompt and fair settlements with persons who have suffered damages as a result of blasting.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$119,100 Recurring
\$ 28,000 One-Time

There are approximately 35 reports each year of fly-rock blasting accidents. It is assumed that 2 additional positions and related expenses in the office of the State Fire Marshall would be needed to investigate complaints and administer the program under which blasters can enter into prompt and fair settlements with persons who have suffered damages as a result of blasting.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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